Setting up of N.I.Ts

†1332. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India would need about five lakh I.T. graduates during the next five years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Parliamentary Committee has suggested to set up seven N.I.Ts in the country for this purpose;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto: and

(d) the names of the States, alongwith locations thereof, where these N.I.Ts would be set up and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The Assessment of manpower requirement in Information Technology sector is a continuous process. Government of India alongwith Industry association like National Association of Software & Service Companies (NASSCOM) has been continuously looking at this sector's requirements from time to time. National Association of Software & Service Companies (NASSCOM)—Mckinsey Report 2005 has estimated an additional requirement of five lakh graduates beyond the projected supply over a period of five years from 2005 by the year 2010. It is seen that the issue of manpower requirement is not as much about the institutional seat availability and output as about the nature of skills and training provided in these institutions.

(b) to (d) 17 Regional Engineering Colleges (RECs) located at Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh), Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Calicut (Kerala), Durgapur (West Bengal), Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh), Jaipur (Rajasthan), Jalandhar (Punjab), Jamshedpur (Jharkhand), Kurukshetra (Haryana), Nagpur (Maharashtra), Rourkela (Orissa), Silchar (Assam), Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir), Surat (Gujarat), Surathkal (Karnataka), Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu) & Warangal (Andhra Pradesh) were converted into National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in 2003. Bihar Engineering College—Patna, Government Engineering College—Raipur and Tripura Engineering College—Agartala were also upgraded/converted into National Institutes of Technology in 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively.

Prime Minister in his Independence Day Speech on 15th August, 2007 has announced new initiatives in the field of Technical Education. The 11th Five Year Plan document has not yet been finalized. The issue of opening new National Institutes of Technology in the country will be considered once the 11th Five Year Plan is approved.

Adolescence and Sex Education by CBSE

1333. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has brought Adolescence and Sex Education under the subject of Physical and Sex Education;

(b) if so, whether CBSE has brought out the material for the same or the teachers are being trained on the said subject; and

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(c) the amount of money spent on the training under the said programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir. There is no subject called "Physical and Sex Education" in CBSE curriculum. CBSE is implementing the Adolescence Education Programme at Secondary level from Class-IX onwards as part of co-curricular activities in schools affiliated to it.

(b) For Advocacy programme for Principals and for training of teachers, under Adolescence Education Programme, CBSE is using its own material.

(c) The amount spent by CBSE on training programmes under Adolescence Education Programme since 2004 till date is Rs. 41.86 lakh.

Teachers training institutions under SSA in Himachal Pradesh

1334. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any teachers training institutions have been established in Himachal Pradesh under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and whether Government proposes to allocate funds for this purpose during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Block Resource Centres (BRCs) & Cluster Resource Centres (CRCs) are established under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan for decentralized in-service training of elementary school teachers and for academic supervision. District-wise details of the BRCs and CRCs established in Himachal Pradesh under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan programme are as follows:

District	BRC	CRC
Bilaspur	3	117
Chamba	13	214
Hamirpur	5	105
Kangra	19	358
Kinnaur	3	37
Kullu	6	130
Lahul & Spiti	4	42
Mandi	20	340
Shimla	20	322
Sirmour	10	189
Solan	7	149
Una	6	101